

REMARKS

Restriction Requirement

The Restriction Requirement in the above-referenced application has been received and reviewed. Claims 1- 21 are currently pending in the application. The Office has identified the following groups of claims as being drawn to separate inventions:

Group I – claims 1-15, drawn to a coating apparatus with a temperature control system, classified in class 118, subclass 725; and

Group II – claims 16-21, drawn to a temperature control system to cause uneven heat distribution, classified in class 118, subclass 666.

An election is hereby made, without traverse, to prosecute claims 1-15 of Group I.

Information Disclosure Statements

Please note that Information Disclosure Statements were filed in the above-referenced application on January 14, 2002, May 6, 2002, and June 13, 2002, but that no copies of the Forms PTO-1449 that accompanied these Information Disclosure Statements have yet been returned to the undersigned attorney. It is respectfully requested that the information contained in the Information Disclosure Statements and listed on their corresponding Forms PTO-1449 be considered and made of record in the above-referenced application and that initialed copies of the Forms PTO-1449 evidencing such consideration be returned to the undersigned attorney.

Preliminary Amendment

Also, a Preliminary Amendment was filed in the above-referenced application on May 16, 2002, but entry thereof into the Office file for the above-referenced application has not yet been acknowledged. If, for some reason, the Preliminary Amendment has not yet been entered into the Office file, the undersigned attorney will be happy to have a true copy thereof hand-delivered to the Examiner.

CONCLUSION

An early Office Action on the merits of claims 1-15 is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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